

THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

Twenty Millions of Dollars for Railroads.

The General Market Conditions Favorable to Steady Prices Throughout the Year.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 8.—

The latest estimate as to the probable railway construction for 1886, puts the mileage at 10,000 miles. This is nearly three times the amount that was constructed last year. Last week the Bessemer Steel Company, controlling the fifteen rail-mills of the United States, met and refused to increase the production beyond 1,000,000 tons voted upon some time ago, but expect to meet in thirty days and agree to increase the production 300,000 tons. The financial agents of between twenty and thirty projected roads are at present negotiating in this city, New York and Boston for some twenty odd million dollars necessary to construct and equip the proposed roads. Quotations on iron, steel, nails and hardware, hold their own firmly. Agricultural implement and tool works are increasing their work slowly. The Baldwin Locomotive Works start up to-day full time, and with two-thirds their full working force. The manufacturers of railway appliances expect to have business enough in hand by the middle of March to carry them into midsummer. Prices of all kinds of iron and steel are firm, and an increasing demand for all the products of iron and steel is probable.

The employers of labor throughout nearly all sections of country are beginning to consider the proposed reduction in the hours of labor from ten to eight. Reduced pay will be accepted. Strong arguments are used by the labor unions to induce employers to conform to the new program, but it will be vigorously resisted, especially throughout the New England and Middle States. The employers do not believe that the movement will be sufficiently strong and widespread to merit their serious attention.

The manufacturers of cotton goods, and of dress goods containing a slight admixture of wool, are meeting with an extraordinary demand, and are doing a heavier business at this time than they have done for years. The increased cost of wools and worsteds is having the effect, it would seem, of driving the buyers to the finer grades of cotton goods, and to those of part cotton and part wool.

The hosiery manufacturers are very busy on spring and summer goods, and are accepting orders at a very little increase over last year's prices. A great deal of knitting machinery has been put in within sixty days, and the manufacturers of machinery are working full, and in some cases, time over, to fill orders.

The anthracite coal combination is yet at sea, although it is somewhat nearer a settlement than it was. The Pennsylvania Company will work independently, and increase the production of hard and soft coal, half a million tons over last year. The combination will no doubt be renewed, but the increasing competition of bituminous coal from the Bessemer Creek, Pocahontas and other bituminous fields will enable manufacturers to purchase supplies on more reasonable terms than ever before in the history of the coal trade.

The New England boot manufacturers will maintain their advance of \$1 to \$3 on boots, per case. The numerous strikes have retarded manufacturing in new directions. All the rubber manufacturers are busy on late orders. The English market is taking a good deal more finished leather. Spring orders for boots and shoes are pretty well in. Exports of hides from New York have been very heavy.

Wool sales for the past week foot up 1,050,000 pounds, and prices are pointing upward. Those who still buy wool in hand are wisely holding it for higher prices. Manufacturers who have not secured sufficient stocks are trying to buy quietly without frightening sellers into asking higher prices. There are prospects of a further decline in sugars and coffee, although there are strong combinations of capital in New York, contemplating a cornering process upon these products, if they think the conditions of trade will allow it. Low prices have interfered with the cultivation of beet sugar in Germany and France, but an increased stimulus has been given to the cultivation of sugar cane in Louisiana, and to the cultivation of sorghum in the Western States, by improvements in processes for refining the juice. Latest advices from South America show abundant stocks of coffee, and a downward tendency in prices.

The general market conditions are favorable to steady prices throughout the year, but there is a tendency among manufacturers and traders of all kinds to combine in order to prevent as much competition this year as was suffered from in 1885.

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Ungodliness in the Salvation Army.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., February 8.—The latest instance of ungodliness in the Salvation Army is the elopement of J. H. Scullie with Miss McKee, a member of that organization. Miss McKee is a good-looking, buxom young woman, and is fond of the attentions of men. Latterly she has been in good standing in the army, but not long ago she was a shining light. Jerome H. Scullie was a respected citizen, and he leaves a wealthy and very devoted wife.

Meeting of Chicago Workmen.

CHICAGO, Ill., February 8.—At a meeting yesterday of trades and labor assemblies arrangements were made to hold a series of mass-meetings for the purpose of contrasting opposing Socialistic influence on the eight-hour question.

Harbored in Mother.

TAMPA, Fla., February 8.—Capt. Dusenbury has for some time past been a resident of Peru, in this county. A few weeks ago his father, mother and brother arrived from

THE WHIGS ON GLADSTONE

Their Intense Hostility to the Premier.

The First Workingman Ever Raised to the British Ministry—A Great Sensation.

LONDON, February 8.—The following additional appointments have been made under the new administration:

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Edward Henson; Lord Chancellor for Ireland, John Walsh; Attorney-General for Ireland, Samuel Walker; Solicitor-General for Ireland, Thomas McDermott; Secretary to the Admiralty, John T. Hibbert; Under-Secretary, James Bryce; Under-Secretary, Geo. Osborn Morgan; Under-Secretary for India, Sir U. K. Shuttleworth; Under-Secretary for the Home Department, Henry Broadhurst.

URGED TO RESTRAIN THEIR FEELINGS.

Mr. Redmond, Nationalist member of Parliament, in a speech at Monaghan to-day, urged Irishmen to restrain their violent feelings and not to hamper the new government, which, he said, would take immediate steps to stop evictions.

CREATED A SENSATION.

The appointment of Mr. Broadhurst as Under-Secretary has caused a sensation in political circles, that gentleman being the first workingman that has ever risen to the ministry. The appointment is taken as an indication that it is Mr. Gladstone's intention to rely upon the masses against the influence of the aristocracy. The Liberal clubs are divided in opinion on the subject, the Reform and Devonshire disapproving the appointment, and the National Liberal enthusiastically approving it.

WHICH HOSTILITY TO GLADSTONE.

The hostility of the Whigs to Mr. Gladstone is intense. This is shown in the difficulty experienced by the Premier in filling the peeresses' posts in the Queen's household. The Dukes of Bedford and Westminster have refused appointments, and others will follow their example.

EARL FITZGERALD.

In a letter accepting an invitation to preside at a meeting of the local Irish Union at Sharnfield, set forth that the purpose of the union, which, he says, is founded on non-party lines, is to promote loyalty among the subjects of the Queen and to unmask the nature of the agitation and the hideous crimes in Ireland.

EUROPEAN FINANCES.

The Feeling on the London Exchange—The Continental Bourses.

LONDON, February 8.—Discount is quoted at 4 for three months, and 4 1/2 for short. The Continental exchanges favoring the gold export continued. The unsettled state of home and foreign politics is expected to hamper the revenue collections are certain to lessen the floating supply of capital and harden rates. The Economist disapproves of intrusting the Chancellorship of the Exchequer to Sir Wm. Harcourt, saying that his appointment is a hazardous experiment at the present period of flagging revenue and growing expenses. The Economist shows that home rule would involve the addition of £2,000,000 to Irish taxation, and it asks advocates of disunion of the railway and they are prepared to pay the cost, and how they would raise it. Business on the stock exchange was active, with an upward tendency. The Victorian loan was covered seven times at 18 above the minimum. Colonial securities have risen 1/2. Virginia funded has risen 3/4. American railway securities were unsettled during the week, with a slight tendency to realize.

Paris at Paris.

PARIS, February 8.—The sugar growers have petitioned the government to continue the present tax of 7 francs, and after August to extend it to sugar-producing countries outside of Europe, making the bounty exceed 30 per cent of value. Bounties were flat, owing to persistent rumors of a conversion of the 4 1/2. The Panama canal shares closed at 415.

Quiet at Berlin.

BERLIN, February 8.—The Serbian tobacco monopoly loan of \$5,000,000 has been subscribed several times. The Bourse was quiet.

Firm at Frankfurt.

FRANKFURT, February 8.—The Bourse was firm. United States 4s closed at 120 1/2; spot exchange on London at 20 1/2; exchange on New York at 41 1/2.

Firm at Vienna.

VIENNA, February 8.—The Bourse was firm; Austrian gold rentes closed at 112.70; Austrian silver rentes at 84.40.

Babies From Snake-Bite.

JANNEY, Ga., February 8.—The condition of Mr. Silvester Sams, a well-known citizen of this county, excites considerable interest. Two years ago Mr. Sams, while walking over his farm, was bitten by a rattlesnake. He immediately resorted to the native remedy—whisky—of which he took copious draughts. Nothing more was thought of the matter until about six months ago, when Mr. Sams betrayed symptoms of St. Vitus's dance. He was never still, not even in his sleep, twitching his muscles and moving incessantly. Latterly he has developed violent symptoms, and has beaten his wife and family, and, in fact, all who came within his reach. He now acts like a man with a well-defined case of rabies, only instead of barking, he makes a rattling sound. He has been taken to the Canton jail, where a strong guard will be kept over him until the crisis is over.

A Bed-Ridden Dyspeptic Cured.

G. F. Haight of Westfield, Chautauque county, New York, writes May 7, 1885: "Six years ago I was dying of dyspepsia. My stomach and digestive organs were in a horrible state. I feared consumption of the bowels, which were dreadfully constipated. I was bed-ridden for many months; finally bought six boxes of Brandreth's Pills. When I had finished taking them I was a well man. Took five the first night; ran down to one pill, then up again to five, alternately."

A Boy's Strange Death.

CHICAGO, Ill., February 8.—One of the amusements of boys lately has been the building of ice houses, some of them being for imitations of the St. Paul ice palace. For several days past a number of little fellows were at work at such a structure in the rear of the residence of Mr. Jadman, No. 691 Twenty-first street. Saturday afternoon the dead body of Mark Jadman, twelve years old, was found buried in his snow building by his mother. She quickly summoned a physician, but life had been too long extinct for the service to avail. A short time before she had noticed him and a number of smaller boys playing around their snow place, but the other boys got weary and left. The supposed Mark kept on playing and jumping into a portion of the snow structure head first, and was too exhausted to extricate himself.

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